

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

Finally, FIG. 2 shows a further example, in which the dust discharge aperture 5 however runs, not radially, but in the axial direction. In this example also, the blade foot 1, platform 2, and turbine blade 3 can again be seen in cross section. The cooling channel 4 runs in the same way as in FIG. 1. The dust discharge aperture 5 includes a wall flush with a wall of the cooling channel 4. The dust hole 5, which in this example runs parallel to the machine axis, makes inspection possible with an inspection tool introduced in the hot gas path. The mechanism of dust extraction is the same as that in FIG. 1. In this example, the dirt particles, due to their inertia and the high flow speed of the deflected cooling medium, take the path via the channel 7 leading to the dust hole 5, while the cooling medium is deflected at the branch without problems in the direction toward the machine axis and is therefore conducted, relatively dust-free, past the pins 6 to the cooling air apertures at the rear edge of the blade. The dust hole 5 or the channel 7 leading to this are hence again constituted with a large enough diameter for the introduction of an inspection tool, particularly a borescope, to be possible into the interior of the turbine blade.